

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-28

Please add the following new claims 29-37.

29. (New) A medicinal aerosol steroid solution formulation metered dose inhaler product with enhanced chemical stability, including:

an aerosol container equipped with a metered dose dispensing valve and containing a medicinal aerosol formulation including a hydrofluoroalkane propellant selected from the group consisting of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane, 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropane, and mixtures thereof, and having a 20-ketosteroid drug dissolved therein, which drug has an OH group at the C-21 position.

30. (New) The product of claim 29, wherein said 20-ketosteroid has an OH group at the C-21 position, but not at the C-17 position.

31. (New) The product of claim 29, wherein said 20-ketosteroid has an OH group at both the C-17 and C-21 positions.

32. (New) The product of claim 29, wherein the 20-ketosteroid is dexamethasone.

33. (New) The product of claim 29, wherein the 20-ketosteroid is betamethasone 17-valerate.

34. (New) The product of any preceding claim wherein the container and/or the valve has a coating applied by vapor deposition.

35. (New) The product of claim 34, wherein metal valve components have a coating applied by vapor deposition.

36. (New) The product of claims 34 or 35, wherein the coating is a glass.

37. (New) The product of claim 36, wherein the coating is applied by the Silcosteel process.